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13. (proposed) A unitary filter element support and valve for mounting a filter element on an end plate within a filter cartridge, comprising:

a molded unitary body of resilient flexible material formed as a single element and including a central axis;

a radially-extending anti-drainback portion unitary with the body, the anti-drainback portion overlying inlet structure into an inlet chamber through the end plate; and

a bypass valve portion unitary with the valve body, the bypass valve portion being configured as a collar and having a sealing portions for sealing with the filter element, said collar including spaced projections thereon the bypass valve portion for engaging the filter element and forming axially-extending channels between respective ones of said projections to allow fluid pressure from the inlet chamber to be applied application to the sealing portion, and causing unseating thereof and a flow bypassing the filter element, and

an anti-drainback portion unitary with the body, the anti-drainback portion overlying inlet structure through the end plate.